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(U) Eagle Rock – Arrests made in Eagle Rock Brush Fire near Homeless Camp

(U) Two men have been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder for allegedly starting a brush fire in Eagle Rock next to a homeless encampment that later threatened dozens of homes. The fire was ignited by an incendiary device thrown from a passing pickup truck. Investigators believe the fire was set with the intention of harming the individuals in the encampment. The suspects were arrested at a residence a few blocks from where the fire started near the encampment.

SOURCE: 3 September 2019, [NBC LA](#)

(U) San Diego – Gang Crime Spikes in San Diego

(U) After a year of declines, gang-related crime in San Diego has spiked in recent months with the city logging twice as many homicides as the same time last year, and 20-percent more gang-related crimes overall. Several shootings, retaliation attacks, and other crimes has put the raw number of gang-related crimes this year far ahead of the number through July 2018. It is unclear what is behind the surge in gang crime, but authorities acknowledged violence between gangs had intensified over the summer.

SOURCE: 3 September 2019, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) Norwalk – ‘Terrorist’ Bomb Threat Forces Evacuations, Cancels Classes at Cerrito College

(U) A suspect has been detained in connection with a bomb threat which forced evacuation at Cerritos College and later prompted the school to cancel classes. The incident began with the college received a possible threat focused in the “drop off area near the Administrative Building.” The suspect walked into a classroom and state that “he was a terrorist and had a bomb.”

SOURCE: 3 September 2019, [CBS LA](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – \$4.5 Million in Drugs Confiscated on I-40

(U) Holbrook – Arizona troopers seized over \$4.5-million worth of drugs and arrested two commercial truck drivers and a passenger during two vehicle inspections near Holbrook on Interstate 40. The two incidents led to the seizure of nearly 400-pounds of cocaine, 40-pounds of methamphetamine, and two firearms. The suspects, all from California, were headed southbound and were arrested on charges of transportation of narcotic for sale.

SOURCE: 3 September 2019, [NHO News](#)

(U) California – Man Charged in Deaths of Three Chinese Migrants Left in Trunk

(U) San Diego – A US citizen has been charged in the smuggling deaths of three Chinese migrants who were found in the trunk of his vehicle two days after he crossed the border. The suspect pled not guilty to the charge of encouraging aliens to enter the US resulting in death. Video recordings showed the suspect driving into San Diego’s San Ysidro border crossing using the “trusted travelers’ lane. The bodies were discovered two days later when authorities received a 911 call about the vehicle.

SOURCE: 3 September 2019, [ABC News](#)

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(U) NATIONAL**(U) Illinois – College Student Charged with Hate Crime for Placing Noose on Campus**

(U) Urbana – A University of Illinois student was charged with a hate crime for allegedly placing a noose in a campus residence hall. The student was charged with disorderly conduct and committing a hate crime after the noose was found hanging in an elevator over the weekend. The student pled not guilty to the charges and was released on bail.

SOURCE: 3 September 2019, [ABC News](#)

(U) New York – Alleged Sniper and Weapons Instructor, Indicted for Providing Material Support to ISIS

(U) New York – A five-count indictment was filed yesterday in federal court in Brooklyn charging US citizen, Ruslan Maratovich Asainov, 43, with conspiracy to provide material support to ISIS. In December 2013, Asainov traveled on a one-way ticket to Istanbul, Turkey, a common transit point to obtain entry into Syria. He subsequently entered Syria, joined ISIS and became a sniper for the terrorist organization. Over time, Asainov rose through the ranks to become an ISIS “emir” in charge of training other ISIS members in the use of weapons. He also attempted to recruit another individual to travel from the US to Syria to fight for ISIS. If convicted, Asainov faces a maximum sentence of life in prison. Asainov will be arraigned at a later date.

SOURCE: 4 September 2019, [DOJ](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) China – Eight Students Killed in Chinese Elementary School Attack**

(U) Beijing – An attacker killed eight students and injured two others at an elementary school in central China. The suspect was apprehended. The motive for the attack is unclear at this time. The suspect was released in June after serving his sentence for attempted murder.

SOURCE: 3 September 2019, [AP](#)

(U) Guinea-Bissau – Police Seize 1.8-Tons of Cocaine in Nation’s Biggest Seizure Ever

(U) Bissau – Police in Guinea-Bissau have seized more than 1.8-tons of cocaine hidden in flour bags in the biggest seizure in the country’s history. After a two-week intelligence operation, police arrested eight people. Authorities advised the last shipment, from Colombia, was on its way to Islamist militants in the Arab Maghreb. The UN has previously described Guinea-Bissau as a “narco state” where drug traffickers control lawless parts of the country.

SOURCE: 3 September 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mali – Bomb Explodes under Bus in Mali, at least 14 Killed

(U) Bamako – At least fourteen people were killed in Mali when a makeshift bomb exploded under a passenger bus traveling in the violence-plagued central region of Mali. The vehicle hit the landmine while carrying 60 passengers. The provisional death toll could be increased at a later time. The security ministry declined immediate comment on the attack or on who was behind it.

SOURCE: 3 September 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Tunisia – Tunisia Says Killed Jihadists were Al-Qaeda Leaders

(U) Kasserine Region – Tunisia’s interior ministry stated that three suspected jihadists killed in a gun battle with Tunisian forces were wanted Algerian leaders of al-Qaeda a day after the shootout. One Tunisian military officer was killed when the fighting broke out during a joint search operation in the Kasserine region near the Algerian border. The three are “among the most dangerous leaders” in Okba

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Ibn Nafaa – the Tunisian branch of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb.

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